



SUNNYVALE SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES – May 16, 2011

The Sustainability Commission met in the West Conference Room, 456 W. Olive Ave., at 7:00 p.m. with Sustainability Commission Chair, Sue Harrison presiding.

Commissioner Sue Harrison, Sustainability Commission Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Gerry Glaser
Regina Wheeler
Joe Green-Heffern
Sue Harrison
Dan Hafeman
Barbara Fukumoto
Amit Srivastava

Staff Present: Lorrie Gervin, Environmental Division Manager
Leonard Dunn, Urban Landscape Manager
Dustin Clark, Environmental Sustainability Coordinator

Guest: Rhonda Berry, President and CEO, Our City Forest

SCHEDULED PRESENTATION

Leonard Dunn, Urban Landscaping Manager, provided a presentation regarding Sunnyvale's Urban Forestry Management Plan. Rhonda Berry, President and CEO of Our City Forest, provided a presentation on Our City Forest activities and the possibility for collaboration with the City.

CONSENT CALENDAR

- 1.A) ACTION: Approval of draft minutes of Sustainability Commission meeting of April 18, 2011.

Commissioner Glaser moved to approve the draft minutes and Commissioner Fukumoto seconded the motion.

VOTE 6 – 0 (Commissioner Srivastava abstained)

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Twana Karney, Acterra Green@Home Program Director, spoke to the Commission regarding Acterra's efforts providing volunteer training and performing housecalls for Sunnyvale residents. Since 2008, Acterra has completed 138 housecalls and trained 43 Sunnyvale residents as volunteers. Twana expressed her desire to continue the Green@Home program in Sunnyvale with financial support from the City.

PUBLIC HEARINGS/GENERAL BUSINESS

1) ACTION: Review of City Manager's FY 2011/2012 Recommended Budget

Commissioner Glaser made a motion to "Suggest that savings from sustainability capital projects shall be tracked and reinvested in future sustainability capital projects and invites the Council to see if there are opportunities in the current budget that might fit this criterion". Commissioner Green-Heffern seconded the motion.

Vote 7 – 0

2) ACTION: Study Issue Sponsorship

Commissioner Glaser raised one topic for future discussion as a study issue.

- Development of a sustainability projects reinvestment fund

Commissioner Fukumoto raised one topic for future discussion as a study issue.

- Development of comprehensive community and operational sustainability metrics

Commissioner Hafeman raised two topics for future discussion as study issues.

- Allowing food scrap collection in the landscape waste stream
- Develop policies limiting parking in mixed use / high density developments that promote and encourage Zipcar type facilities and services to be located onsite or nearby the development

No action was taken.

3) ACTION: Commission Recommendations for Public Outreach

This action item was deferred to the next regular meeting.

4) ACTION: Discussion of Council's 2011 Ranked Study issues

This action item was deferred to the next regular meeting.

5) ACTION: Review and Discussion of Bay Conservation and Development Commission (BCDC) Draft Bay Plan Amendment

This action item was deferred to the next regular meeting.

NON-AGENDA ITEMS AND COMMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Harrison adjourned the meeting at 9:30 p.m..

Respectfully submitted,

Dustin Clark, Environmental Sustainability Coordinator